

# ILWU-PMA BENEFIT PLANS /

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March 14, 2022

To: ILWU Longshore, Ship Clerk, Walking Boss/Foreman, and Watchmen Locals

From: Mario Perez, Director of Benefit Plans

**Subject: COVID-19 Test Kit Mailing – Medicare Retirees**

The attached notice is mailing this week to ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan Medicare Retirees enrolled in the Coastwise Indemnity Plan, to announce coverage for COVID-19 at-home test kits through the Coastwise Indemnity Plan.

Attachment

cc: Area Welfare Directors

A copy of this memo can be downloaded at [www.benefitplans.org](http://www.benefitplans.org)

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**Subject: ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan – Coastwise Indemnity Plan  
COVID-19 Over-the-Counter at-home Test Kits for Medicare Retirees**

This notice applies to all ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan members and beneficiaries with Medicare Part B enrolled in the ILWU-PMA Coastwise Indemnity Plan.

Effective January 15, 2022, COVID-19 over-the-counter at-home test kits are covered through the Coastwise Indemnity Plan with little or no cost to you.

You were previously notified that coverage would be available through your pharmacy benefit administered by OptumRx. ***OptumRx will not be administering this benefit for members enrolled in Medicare Part B.***

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced that in early spring of 2022 Medicare will cover over-the-counter COVID-19 tests. In the meantime, the Coastwise Claims Office will reimburse the costs of up to 8 tests per individual per month – at \$12 per test, upon receipt of a claim with proof of payment. To obtain a claim form to submit your claim, go to [www.benefitplans.org](http://www.benefitplans.org). You can also obtain the form by calling the Benefit Plans Office, or your Area Welfare Director.

Medicare beneficiaries can request four free at-home COVID-19 test at [covidtests.gov](http://covidtests.gov) delivered free by the U.S. Postal Service. You can also call them at 800-232-0233.

If you have any questions, please contact the Benefit Plans Office at 888-372-4598 or your Area Welfare Director.